



Social Media Apps Parents Should Be Aware Of:

Kik Messenger, WhatsApp, Tinder, Bumble, Holla, Live.Me, Omegle, Whisper, Yubo, Wishbone, TikTok, Fake Calculator, Snapchat, Twitter, Hot or Not, Burnbook, Ask.FM, & Instagram.



Kik Messenger is a popular messaging app that does not use a traditional text messaging service.

Why it's popular:

Children and teens do not need a cell phone if they would like to message other people. It is also free and easy to use. Kik is fast and has no character limits, message limits, or fees while using the basic features.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Anonymity.** Kik is able to be used anonymously.
- **Predators.** In 2016, *The New York Times* reported that the app was becoming an increasing concern for law enforcement officials, with a number of instances where predators have used the app to exchange child pornography, to send explicit messages, or arrange meetings with minors.
- **Age Verification.** It is very easy to lie about one's age when downloading the app. This raises the concern that young children are on the app, in the presence of predators.
- **Personal Information.** Usernames identify people on Kik, so children or teens who are using their full name are sharing too much information.



WhatsApp is an instant messaging app that uses the Internet to send messages, images, audio, or video.

Why it's popular:

There is no additional cost as it uses regular Internet data. If a child or teen does not have a cell phone, but has a device that connects to WiFi, they are able to text their friends via the app.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Cyberbullying.** Hundreds of people can share messages in a group. This makes it easy for several people to target and cyberbully the marginalized person or people in that group.
- **Rumors.** This also provides a way to spread rumors or photos of another person to many others quickly. Private photos and conversations can be downloaded, screenshotted, and/or shared in a matter of seconds.
- **Age Requirement.** Anyone can create an account, and there is no filter for adult content. Anyone can view any content sent to them, and there are no features that ensure users meet the age requirement of being 16 or older.

- **Predators.** This is where “friends” of friends get added to group chats. And this “friend” is not really who they say they are. Sexual predators can easily lurk on WhatsApp.
 - **The Momo Challenge.** It has been reported that a new Internet challenge, named Momo, has been seen on WhatsApp profiles. Momo attempts to rope children into a dangerous game that insists the child do dangerous, self-harming tasks.
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Tinder is a smartphone dating app that accesses the phone’s GPS information to retrieve potential matches from other Tinder users nearby.

Why it’s popular:

Tinder presents users with a profile picture of a potential match, which they either swipe right if they are interested, or swipe left if they are not interested.

What parents should be aware of:

- **“Hook-Up Culture”.** Tinder has a reputation for being used mostly for hook-ups and sexual encounters, as it is most often promoted as one of the best one night stand apps.
 - **Predators.** It is fairly easy to lie about one’s age, allowing predators to set their age younger in order to gain access to younger users’ profiles.
 - **Facilitates Face to Face Meetings.** Tinder reveals a user’s location and allows people to private message each other to arrange a meeting once both users swipe right.
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Bumble is a location-based social and dating application that facilitates communication between interested users.

Why it’s popular:

Teens are instantly attracted to meeting fun, new people. On Bumble, only female users can make the first contact with male users. This feature is attractive to young people. In same sex matches, any user can make the first contact.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Predators.** Sexual predators lurk on Bumble with the hopes of chatting with minors. With location sharing and private messaging, Bumble puts children and teens at risk.
- **Private Messages.** Cyberbullying, inappropriate language, and harassment are prevalent in private messages sent on the app
- **Excessive Use.** Connections expire every 24 hours which encourages users to check the app daily.
- **Fake Accounts.** Children and teens have been known to lie about their age and create fake accounts on apps like Bumble.



Holla allows users to meet new people from around the world over video chat, for a designated amount of time.

Why it's popular:

Children and teens are drawn to the “unique and exciting” way to instantly meet new people and discover the world.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Predators.** Connecting with strangers over video chat is the perfect platform for predators to lurk and find victims.
 - **Age Verification.** The Terms of Service state that a person must be 13 years or older to create an account. The app, however, has no age verification methods. This creates opportunity for a minor to connect via video chat with someone far older.
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Live.Me allows users to stream live video of themselves to an anonymous audience of fellow users.

Why it's popular:

Becoming noticed is a driving factor of this app. It is referred to as one of the top broadcasting apps where users are able to meet stars, become stars, grow a fan base, meet friends, date, play games, and send virtual gifts in order to catch broadcaster's attention.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Sexual Images and Videos are Readily Available.** The goal of doing these live broadcasts is to gain as many views and followers as possible. This means that, in some cases, the riskier the behavior, the higher the “entertainment” value.
 - **App Store rating.** The App Store rated Live.Me to include the content, “Infrequent/Mild Profanity of Crude Humor, Infrequent/Mild Alcohol, Tobacco, or Drug Use or References, Violence, and Frequent/Intense Mature/Suggestive Themes.”
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Omegle is a chat site/app that puts two strangers together in their choice of a text chat or video chat room.

Why it's popular:

Being anonymous is often attractive to teens, and Omegle provides this opportunity. It's “interest boxes” also let users filter potential chat partners by shared interests.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Strangers.** The whole premise of the app is to speak with strangers. There is no registration required. This puts children and teens at risk of running into predators.
- **NOT Meant for Children and Teens.** The app is filled with people searching for sexual chat. Some prefer to do so live through the video chat. Others offer links to porn sites through the text chat.

- **Inappropriate Language.** Since chats are anonymous, they are often much more explicit than those with a user who can be identified.
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Whisper is an app where users can post confessions, along with their deepest, darkest secrets.

Why it's popular:

Whisper is anonymous, giving children and teens a sense of security when posting any secrets through the app.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Location Sharing Feature.** The app offers a location sharing feature for any users interested in meeting in person, putting into question how anonymous the app really is.
 - **Text, Chat, Photo, and Video.** The app encourages users to share their secrets through any of these methods, meaning users can also chat with other "whisperers."
 - **Predators.** Predators have been known to use Whisper to contact victims.
 - **Cyberbullying.** The nature of Whisper makes it easy for children and teens to bully others, including school faculty.
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Yubo, previously known as 'Yellow,' is meant to meet new people. Users are presented with profiles and swipe 'left' if they would like to be friends, and swipe 'right' if they would like to pass. If both users swipe left, they are able to live video stream each other.

Why it's popular:

Yubo is free, easy to use, and allows teens to connect with people around the world with shared interests.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Geographic Pairing.** Yubo is matching users with other people who are geographically near them, facilitating face-to-face meetings.
 - **Minimum Age Limit** – Although the app prompts a user who enters a birthday under 13 with a message that says 'Sorry, it looks like you're not eligible for Yubo...but thanks for checking us out', there is still the potential that they could go back in and enter a false date to access the app.
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Wishbone is used to compare two things, by being presented with 2 'cards' and being asked to choose a preference. Users are also able to produce their own cards for others to select their preference.

Why it's popular:

Wishbone is advertised as the "go-to app for comparing anything your heart desires!" The app covers everything from fashion, celebrities, humor, music, and pretty much anything you can think of.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Zero Monitoring** – there aren't services that monitor Wishbone, nor are there any parental controls in the app to filter inappropriate surveys.
 - **Inappropriate Content.** Sexualized content, inappropriate language and alcohol/drug references are very easy to find.
 - **Easy Access.** A user does not have to make an account to use the Wishbone app.
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TikTok is an app that allows users to create and share 15 second videos, which then replay in a continuous loop

Why it's popular:

TikTok has the ability to showcase incredible talents, and can also be a fun, entertaining experience.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Mature Content.** The app is open to the world, so mature content can (and does) appear in the stream.
 - **Age Verification.** TikTok is rated 12+ on the Apple app store. There is no system in place to verify a user's age, so anyone can download it. Because of the access to inappropriate content, and the use of popular music that may contain explicit language, this is not an app for young kids.
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Fake Calculator is a disguised photo vault where children or teens can keep photos in a more personal, safe place.

Why it's popular:

Fake Calculator is posing as something it isn't. The app looks like a normal calculator, making it easy for children and teens to hide their inappropriate photos.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Secretive Pictures.** If your child has the Fake Calculator app, chances are, they have pictures on their phone that they do not want you to see. Typically, these would include inappropriate photos of themselves or others, or photos depicting illegal activity.
- **Countless Photo Vault Apps.** There are numerous calculator apps with the same goal of hiding content; however this app closely resembles the Calculator on an iPhone, making it harder to detect.



Snapchat is a messaging app that lets users share photos, videos, texts, and drawings.

Why it's popular:

When sending a photo, video, or message, Snapchat lets a user set an amount of time the receiver can view the message, until it "disappears." Messaging tends to load much faster than traditional text messaging on a cell phone.

What parents should be aware of:

- **SnapMap.** This is Snapchat's location sharing feature. This feature updates the user's location on a map in real-time, each time the Snapchat app is opened. In other words, a user does not have to be actively posting on the app for their location to be updated.
 - **Disappearing Messages.** Although youth today are under the impression that content on Snapchat "disappears", media that is sent is still able to be retrieved.
 - **Deceptive Practices.** Snapchat was fined by the Federal Trade Commission for deceptive practices regarding the "disappearing messages" feature.
 - **Sexting.** The Snapchat app is often used by teens to send inappropriate photos of themselves.
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Twitter is an app where users post and interact with messages known as "tweets." Users can follow high profile celebrities, News sites, industry professionals, comedians, friends, etc.

Why it's popular:

Twitter is free and easy to use, and spreads information fast. It also allows children and teens to keep tabs on their favorite celebrities.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Tweets appear immediately.** Although you can delete them -- it's possible that other users could repost or take a screenshot in the span of time it takes to hit delete.
 - **Beware of "sub-tweeting."** Sub-tweeting is when teens use Twitter to gossip about others. Sub-tweets don't specifically say the name of their target, but everyone knows who's being discussed. It is a form of cyberbullying.
 - **Location Services.** Twitter's location-sharing feature makes it too easy for children and teens to post their whereabouts.
 - **Mature Content.** There are loads of mature content, mature language, and drug-and-alcohol-related content on Twitter, and it's up to users to avoid seeking it out.
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Hot or Not encourages users to rate the attractiveness of other users based on their photos, on a 1-10 scale.

Why it's popular:

The app is free and teens are drawn to the satisfaction of judging other people based on their photos.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Cyberbullying.** Children using the app can be subjected to cyberbullying based on appearance.
 - **Sexually Explicit Content.** Users may find themselves being sent sexually explicit images, or being pressured to send nude or revealing images of themselves.
 - **Low Self-Esteem.** The app focuses on objectifying or rejecting others, and it's therefore no surprise that teenagers who use the Hot or Not app can end up with low self-esteem.
 - Per its own website, "Hot or Not is the original game that lets you check people out, be checked out, and see the Hottest people around. Hot or Not will show you how popular you and your friends are, as well as a list of the hottest people nearby..."
 - **Age Verification.** Despite being strictly for people aged 13 and over, the Hot or Not app does not verify a user's age. This means that there is no way of guaranteeing that a child or teen won't be targeted by someone older than them.
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Burnbook allows its users to post anonymous rumors through audio messages, texts, and photos.

Why it's popular:

Burnbook is anonymous. A user does not have to sign in or create a username, allowing children and teens to post everything and anything that is on their mind. A user would search for "communities" — schools — near your location, and then join a community where they are free to post anything on any topic.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Cyberbullying.** The app is notorious for targeting individuals and groups of people, causing issues within schools. This anonymous platform is essentially perfect for posting rude or mean comments online about others.
 - **Sexually Explicit Content.** There have been many instances of sexual references through anonymous posting on the app.
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Ask.FM is an app that lets users ask questions and answer those posted by other users – with the option to do so anonymously.

Why it's popular:

Although there are some friendly interactions on the app, there are still a lot of mean comments and creepy sexual posts. This iffy content is part of the site's appeal for teens.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Cyberbullying.** The site has been linked to the suicides of several teens, with the ease of posting rude or threatening comments.
- **Anonymity.** Users can decide whether to allow anonymous posts. If allowed, the opportunity for cyberbullying widens.



Instagram is a platform that lets users take photos, edit and share those photos as well as videos- either publically (where all users are able to view them), or with a network of approved followers. Users can 'like' and comment on posts.

Why it's popular:

Instagram unites the most popular features of social media sites: sharing, seeing, and commenting on photos. Instagram also lets you apply fun filters and effects to photos.

What parents should be aware of:

- **Public Profiles.** By default, Instagram sets a user's profile to 'public,' meaning anyone on Instagram is able to view their photos.
- **Teens are on the Lookout for "Likes."** Teens use the amount of 'likes' and comments on their photos to validate their popularity and determine how they feel about themselves.
- **Finsta.** Short for "Fake Instagram", this is a second Instagram account that teens make for only their closest friends to follow. These accounts have been used to bully others online, with posts directed toward, or about other people.



Snapchat's Location Sharing Feature: SnapMap

Snap Map uses mobile phone technology to find out where its users are located.

It then draws users on a map in real-time, *each* time the Snapchat app is opened. You can then browse the map to see where your friends are located at that specific moment, or where they were last seen.

To disable Snap Map, a user would enable the Ghost Mode feature. (Shown below.)

1
With the Snapchat camera open, swipe down to view map.

2
Click on the settings gear in the top right corner.

3
Switch the toggle over to the right side.

4
The indicated popup will appear. Select 'Until Turned Off.'

Enable Ghost Mode?
Choose a duration.

- 3 hours
- 24 hours
- Until Turned Off**

CANCEL



Location Services on an Android

Location Services is designed to protect your information and enable you to choose what you share.

If your current location is information that you do not want an app to be tracking or sharing, then turn off Location Services on your device.

To do so, the steps are shown below (For an Android.)

- 1

Open the 'Settings' app.
- 2

Select 'Apps.'
- 3

Select 'Permissions;'

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A list of applications that you have downloaded will appear. Click on the application that you would like to shut Location Services off for. After selecting the application, select 'Never.'

Location Services on an iPhone

To disable Location Services on an iPhone, follow the steps below.

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Click the 'Settings' application.



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Select 'Privacy.'



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Select 'Location Services.'



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A list of applications that you have downloaded will appear. Click on the application that you would like to shut Location Services off for.

After selecting the application, select 'Never.'



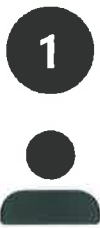
Instagram

Instagram is a platform that lets users take photos, edit and share those photos, as well as videos-either publically or with a network of approved followers.

When a user first downloads the app, Instagram automatically sets the account to 'public,' where all Instagram users can view your posts.

Switching an Instagram account to 'private' will require users to *request* to follow you. Until you have approved their follow request, only then can they view, comment, or "like" your posts.

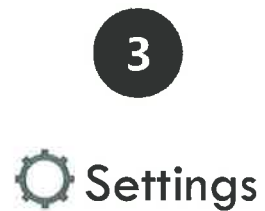
Follow the steps below in order to switch an Instagram account to 'private.'



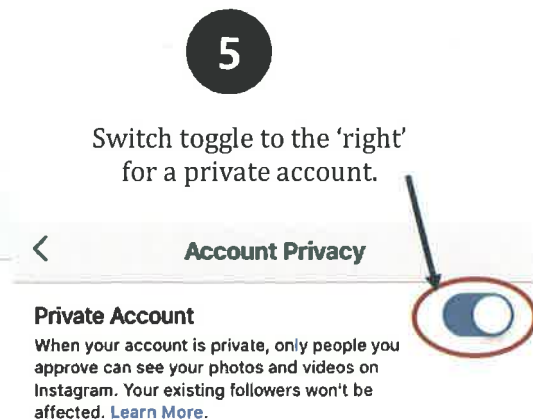
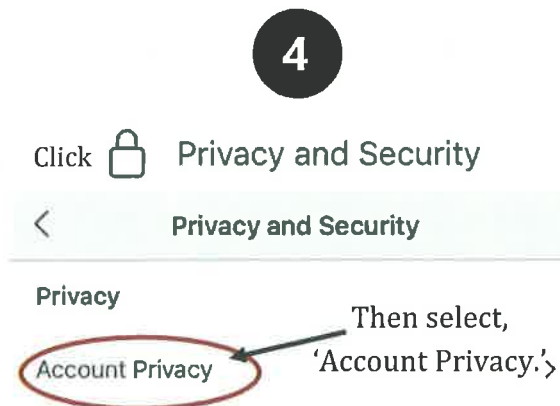
Click the profile icon in the bottom right hand corner.



Click the 3 bars in the top right hand corner.



Click settings at the bottom of the page.





Concerns & Ways to be Vigilant



This video game welcomes players aged 12 and above and gives users the ability to text and voice chat.

- * The National Crime Agency (NCA) has revealed that there have been numerous reports of the game being infiltrated by pedophiles trying to talk to young children via the text and voice chat.
- * The NCA also states that text chats between players over the internet cannot be turned off, meaning that parents are unaware their children are messaging strangers online.

Although the text chat cannot be turned off, the voice chat can be disabled.

- * Open settings and chose the audio tab at the top of the screen (looks like a speaker icon).
- * From here, you can disable voice chat entirely.

Know how to make a report.

- * On Fortnite, you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu.

Limit time spent:

- * Give children quantities in terms of the number of battles they can play, instead of prescribing an amount of time they can play.
- * For example: "You can play three battles today and then I'd like for you to turn it off."
- * It is impossible to 'pause' the game, as many parents have found out, so prescribing time limits can cause a fight between you and your child as they are almost at the point of victory, and then are told to switch it off.
- * Setting limits through the number of battles they can play, avoids these fights.

Play with them.

- * One of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people.
- * Have them play in an area you can see them.
- * Not only does this help you moderate and manage how long they're playing, it also makes it easier to check that they are not being targeted online.



Rising Concerns for Children and Teens on the Internet: Momo & Jeffy

The Momo Challenge



What is it?

- * Momo is the image of a doll with scary features and large protruding eyes (which instantly catches the attention of children.) Shown above.
- * Momo will attempt to rope children into a “game,” that sets objectives for the users.
- * The objectives most often include steps toward committing suicide, self-harm, or putting oneself in severe danger.

Where is it?

- * Momo is often seen on the WhatsApp Messenger, which is an application that allows the sending of text messages, voice calls, video calls, images, and other media.
- * There are many “Momo profiles” on the app, and when users do as little as interact with the profile, they may be sent disturbing and graphic photos, to which they are then lured into Momo’s deadly “game.”
- * It has also been reported that Momo is randomly appearing in the middle of children’s videos on YouTube, such as Peppa Pig, making the videos harder to detect.
- * Because it is common for Momo to say she will kill the child if they attempt to tell their parents, youth may feel as if they *must* respond to Momo.
- * Examples of the challenges that Momo brings forth are putting a knife to one’s neck, sticking a knife in an outlet, turning the gas on the stove on, tying a noose around one’s neck, and many more gruesome, dangerous tasks.

Jeffy the Rapper



What is it?

- * Jeffy the Rapper is a foul-mouthed puppet star who makes inappropriate videos on YouTube with his father, who is played as a Super Mario puppet.
- * Much of his content is sexually explicit, to include swears and other offensive, inappropriate language.
- * Jeffy is the latest craze in many schools, with youth starting to mimic Jeffy, thinking he is comical.
- * Jeffy's videos have been watched by millions of teens on YouTube.
- * The channel that these videos are being uploaded on is called, "Super Mario Logan."
- * In one of Jeffy the Rapper's YouTube videos, he threatens to kill himself because his father will not buy him an iPad game. This video depicts Jeffy making and putting a noose around his neck, essentially teaching the young generation how to do so.

What Parents Can Do:

- * **Monitor.** Keep electronics in a common space where you have a visual on what they are watching. In these situations, having your child not use headphones will make it easier to monitor what they are doing online, by being able to *listen* as well.
- * **Learn.** Research what both Jeffy and Momo look and sound like. This way, when monitoring what they are doing online, you will be familiar with the videos to know if your child is viewing them, allowing you to intervene.
- * **Report it-** if you see inappropriate content on any platform, take an extra minute to report it on that platform. It could prevent another child from seeing it.
- * On YouTube, go to the channel that posted the content, then click 'About,' click the flag drop down, and select the reason you are reporting.
- * **Direct Downloads.** Another option is to download apps from shows or channels directly, rather than going through a streaming service, such as YouTube.
- * For example, Peppa Pig, Nick Jr, etc., have their own apps, with pre-screened videos deemed appropriate for kids.
- * **Open Conversations (regarding Momo).** This is a great opportunity to talk to your children or teens about risk assessment, and the fact that these scary challenges, just like Momo, are not real.
- * Walking them through the challenge and why it's a bad idea, means that next time they'll be able to recognize a dangerous challenge as a hoax, and know how to avoid it.



Terminology

1. **Generation Z/iGen:** Newest/youngest generation, born between 1995-2015: 4-22 years old.
2. **Application /App:** A software program that runs on your device. (Web browsers, e-mail programs, word processors, games, and utilities are all applications.)
3. **Filter:** The different types of effects a user can place on a photo to make them look artistic (on social media).
4. **Geotag:** Referring to Instagram; **the specific location, down to the latitude and longitude, of where Instagram content was posted.**
5. **Finsta:** (Short for "Fake Instagram.") A second Instagram account that is meant to post pictures for only the user's closest friends to see.
6. **SnapMap:** Snapchat's location sharing feature, which updates a user's location on a map in real-time.
7. **Ghost Mode:** The setting in which the SnapMap feature on the Snapchat app is disabled.
8. **Screenshot:** An image of the data shown on the screen of a computer or a mobile device.
9. **Grooming:** Befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a child, for the purposes of abuse.

Top 10 Forms of Cyberbullying:

1. **Exclusion:** Being deliberately excluded from online activities, conversations, or social media tags. Children who do not have the latest technology are prone to exclusion.
2. **Harassment:** Sustained and intentional bullying comprised of abusive or threatening messages sent to your child or a group.
3. **Outing:** Act of publically humiliating a child or group through the online posting of private or embarrassing information, without consent. Even reading their text messages on their phone out loud can be considered a form of outing.
4. **Cyberstalking:** Dangerous form of cyberbullying, in which attackers harass victims through online communication. Also refers to adults using the internet to contact and meet young people for abusive purposes.
5. **Fraping:** Someone logs into your child's social media account and impersonates them, posting inappropriate content in their name.
6. **Fake Profiles:** Can be created by someone to hide their real identity, with the intention of cyberbullying your child.
7. **Dissing:** Sending or posting cruel information about your child online to damage their reputation or friendships. Also includes posting damaging photos, screenshots, or videos online.
8. **Trickery:** Gaining your child's trust so that secrets can be shared publically online. The cyberbully will befriend the child, leading them into a false sense of security, before sending their private information to others.
9. **Trolling:** Deliberately provoking response through the use of insults on online forums and social media sites. A troll will personally attack your child, aiming to make them angry and provoke a response.
10. **Catfishing:** Stealing online identities and recreating social networking profiles for deceptive purposes.



Parental Resources



Qustodio is available for desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

Capabilities:

- Block inappropriate content with smart web filters. (e.g. Violence, weapons, pornography, etc.)
 - Manage and limit your children's screen time by device.
 - Limit games and apps and block inappropriate ones.
 - Monitor activity on social networks.
 - Track your children's Android or iOS device on a map.
 - Monitor and block your children's calls on Android.
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Bark is available on Android devices, Apple devices, Amazon devices, and computers.

Capabilities:

- Monitor text messages, emails, and social activity for signs of harmful interactions and content.
 - Get automatic alerts via email and text when Bark's algorithms detect potential risks, so you don't have to comb through every post and text.
 - Receive recommendations on how parents can talk to their children regarding digital dangers and other sensitive online issues.
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Eset is available for PC, Mac, and mobile devices to include both Android and Apple.

Capabilities:

- Automatically blocks age-inappropriate websites.
 - Filters access to websites.
 - Monitor your child's device usage.
 - Track where your children's devices are at any time.
 - Create zones that alert you if your child exits them.
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Net Nanny is available for Android, iOS, Windows, and Mac.

Capabilities:

- Parental Controls
 - Internet Filtering
 - Pornography Blocking
 - Screen Time Management
 - Alerts and Reporting
 - Remote Access
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Screen Time is available on Apple Devices.

Capabilities:

- Set daily time limits to avoid excessive use.
- Encourage positive habits by setting your children tasks to complete, and rewarding them with additional screen time.
- Set blocked periods such as sleep time and homework time to avoid distractions.
- Instantly pause your child's device.
- Approve and reject applications whenever a new application is downloaded.

Price: FREE



Family Time is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices.

Capabilities:

- Set time limits for screen time.
 - Lock mobile devices with a screen-lock feature.
 - Internet filtering (e.g. block pornography)
 - Geo-fence as many places as you please, and receive instant alerts when your child arrives or leaves those locations.
 - Define speed limits for your children and know when they over-speed.
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Circle with Disney is available for Android 5 (or later), iOS 9 (or later), and PC.

Capabilities:

- Set online content Filters that match each family member's age and interests.
 - Set daily time limits for popular platforms and categories.
 - Compare time spent online between today, last week, or even last month.
 - Schedule offline moments in advance.
 - Access to a 'pause' button for the Internet.
 - Get a detailed breakdown of what sites were visited throughout the day.
 - Set a bedtime for each member of your family, and all their devices will disconnect from the Internet until morning.
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Norton is available on Microsoft Windows, Android 4 (or later), and iOS9 (or later).

Capabilities:

- Manage your children's time spent online
 - Use simple settings to make the Web safe for children to explore.
 - Protect children's private information.
 - Gain valuable insights that lead to open, informed conversations.
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Webwatcher is available for Apple products, Android, PC (Windows), and Chromebook.

Capabilities:

- View all SMS and texts as well as deleted texts.
 - Gain access to photos and website history.
 - Keep tabs on call logs, GPS location, social media, and app usage.
 - Protect against online predators, suicide prevention, cyberbullying, sexting, etc.
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FBI Child ID lets parents store their children's photos plus other identifying factors for quick access if a child were to ever go missing.

Capabilities:

- Provides safety tips
- Checklists for what to do if something happens to your child,
- Shortcuts to dial 911 or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Provides users with the ability to email info immediately to law enforcement agencies in an emergency situation.

Price: FREE.



Find My iPhone is available on Apple products.

Capabilities:

- Allows you to track other devices location.
- Allows you to set up location-based alerts that can notify you automatically when a child leaves school or gets home safely.
- You can also set up alerts to notify others of a change in location.

Price: FREE

Unless indicated "FREE," all of the above apps have a monthly or annual cost.